

A regular monthly meeting of the Committee of the Whole of Middleton Town Council was held at the Town Hall on Monday, March 16, 2015, starting at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chairing the meeting, Mayor Calvin Eddy; Deputy Mayor Dan Smith; Councillors Darren Boates, Gail Smith, John Himmelman and Melinda den Haan; Chief Administrative Officer, Rachel Turner; and Recording Secretary, Sharon McAuley.

Regrets: Councillor Marc Britney and Director of Finance, Marianne Daine.

Also in attendance were: Jeanne Saulnier, Soldiers' Memorial Hospital; Jurgen Kandziora and student, Valley Community Learning Association.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

CAO Turner advised Committee of the following changes to the agenda:

- Item 3.2: delete Heart of the Valley Festival Committee Presentation and add Soldiers' Memorial Hospital Update;
- Add Item 5.3: Correspondence from Middleton Regional High School.

150316.01: It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda, as amended. Motion carried.

3. PRESENTATION**3.1 Valley Community Learning Association – Jurgen Kandziora**

Jurgen Kandziora provided the Committee with an overview of the Valley Community Learning Association (VCLA), including:

- an overview of literacy;
- low literacy and economic barriers;
- literacy and social cohesion;
- programs offered by the VCLA;
- benefits for Middleton and individuals;
- approximately four hundred (400) people are in various programs, with twenty-three (23) people from Middleton and utilizing forty (40) volunteer tutors.

A VCLA student provided information on the impact that the VCLA programs have made in his life.

J. Kandziora will forward financial statements to CAO Turner by the end of March.

Jurgen Kandziora and student left the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

3.2 Soldiers' Memorial Hospital Update – Jeanne Saulnier

Jeanne Saulnier, Site Manager SMH, provided an update to Committee on SMH and AVH, including:

- two directors for the western zone have been announced: Dr. Alenia Kysela is the Medical Executive Director, and Wanda Matthews is the Operations Executive Director;
- the schematic design phase for the new primary care facility is ongoing, and consultations are taking place with staff and partners, to ensure the design will meet everyone's needs;
- conversations are taking place with potential doctors for the area.

J. Saulnier left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

150316.02: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of February 17, 2015, be approved, as circulated. Motion carried.

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Proposed Capital Budget – 2015-16

CAO Turner presented the proposed Capital Budget for 2015-16.

150316.03: It was moved that Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that the Capital Budget for 2015-16 be approved as submitted. Motion carried.

5.2 Mobile Device Usage - Discussion

Committee agreed that the CAO should develop a policy on Mobile Device Usage.

5.3 Correspondence – Middleton Regional High School

Committee reviewed the request from Middleton Regional High School for financial support to help send debaters to events in Winnipeg and Fredericton. The Committee

agreed that, although the activities are commendable and the Town is very proud of the participants, it is not the Town's role to finance these activities.

CAO Turner will send a letter to MRHS, advising of the decision.

6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**6.1 Management Reports**

The Management Reports were circulated to all Committee members. The Committee thanked the Middleton Fire Department for submitting their report.

6.2 Planning Services Reports – February 2015

The Planning Services Report for the month of February 2015 was circulated to all Committee members.

CAO Turner informed Committee that she had met with Annapolis County, to explore purchasing building and fire services from them starting in October. The parties are in agreement and negotiations are ongoing.

6.3 Accounting Activities Report – January 2015

The Accounting Activities Report for the month of January 2015 was circulated to all Committee members.

7. ANYTHING BY MEMBERS

Mayor Eddy reminded Committee members:

- the Firemen's Banquet will take place on March 28;
- the rescheduled UNSM Regional Meeting will take place on May 13;
- to "vote till your fingers fall off" for Middleton for Kraft Hockeyville.

8. ADJOURNMENT

150316.04: It was moved and seconded that the Committee adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Motion carried.


MAYOR


RECORDING SECRETARY